

November 18, 2015

AMEND BOARD REPORT 13-0227-EX6
APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH
BETTY SHABAZZ INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with Betty Shabazz International Charter School for an additional five year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will

be negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

This November 2015 amendment is necessary to (a) revoke the Betty Shabazz International Charter School – Barbara A. Sizemore Academy Campus at the end of the 2015-2016 school year for the reasons set forth below, (b) authorize an amendment to the Charter School Agreement with respect to that campus revocation, and (c) authorize campus wind down agreements for the Barbara A. Sizemore Academy Campus and the DuSable Leadership Academy Campus which is in its final year of phase out. Betty Shabazz International Charter School shall wind down and cease operations of its Barbara A. Sizemore Academy Campus and DuSable Leadership Academy Campus. After the revocation of the Barbara A. Sizemore Academy Campus and the final year of phase out for the DuSable Leadership Academy Campus, the overall at capacity enrollment for the charter school shall decrease to 400 students by the fall of 2016.

SCHOOL OPERATOR: BETTY SHABAZZ INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

The charter school shall, during the renewal term, serve grades Kindergarten through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 1,300 students. If the Board authorizes the phase-out of the DuSable Leadership Academy Campus, the grades served by the charter school will decrease to Kindergarten through 8 and the maximum enrollment will decrease to 800 students by the end of the 2015-2016 school year. The maximum enrollment for each Betty Shabazz International Charter School Campus is indicated on the chart below.

The agreement will incorporate an accountability plan in which the charter school is evaluated by the

Board each year based on numerous factors related to academic, financial and operational performance.

In early November 2015, the CEO provided written notice to Betty Shabazz International Charter School that he intended to recommend to the Board the revocation of the Betty Shabazz International Charter

School – Barbara A. Sizemore Academy Campus at the end of the 2015-2016 school year due to the following reasons:

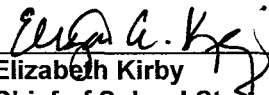
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CHARTER EVALUATION: After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of New Schools conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Betty Shabazz's performance and operations. This evaluation

conflicts. The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the

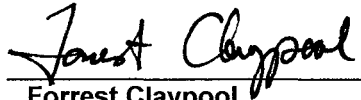
former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their

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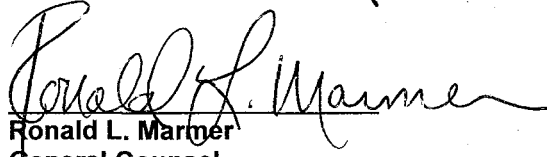
Elizabeth Kirby
Chief of School Strategy and Planning

Approved:



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Chief Executive Officer

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Ronald L. Marmor
General Counsel